Hi Wendy, Thanks for the call and e-mail. We are in close communication with our Emergency Response Program. At this time, highly experienced Region 8 monitoring crews that have been working for numerous years on the Animas are on-scene collecting samples/data. We anticipate providing support for data assessment and further field resources as requested by Emergency Response.

I am happy to keep you in the loop at work progresses.

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Hi Sandra and Karl,

I'm Acting Branch Chief for the Monitoring Branch today, and I just received a request from Ken Kopocis and Ellen Gilinsky. Regarding the Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River, near Durango, CO, they want to know what our capabilities are to assist in assessing, modeling, and understanding the impacts of the spill, and the extent to which Region 8 may already have effectively involved water monitoring experts?

I appreciate your help and quick response.

Thanks!

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